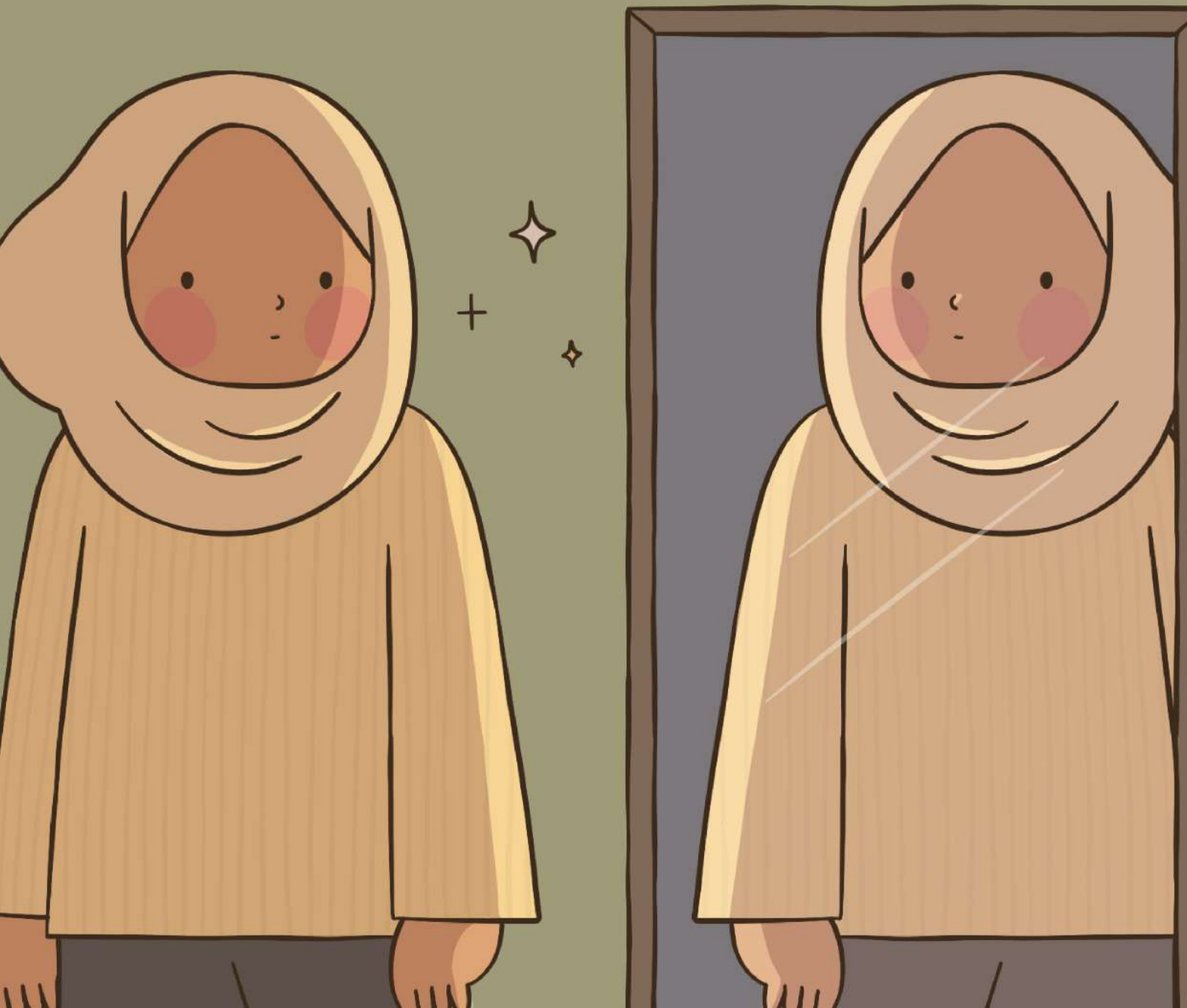


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ON TRUSTWORTHINESS

Honouring Our Very First Promise To Allah

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More than Trustworthiness



- There isn't one English word to describe Wafa' (وفاء).
- Some of the traits that encapsulates Sayyidatina Khadijah RA are devotion, faithfulness, trustworthiness, reliability and support.
- Usaid bin Hudhair reported that: A person from among the Ansar said, "O Messenger of Allah! You appointed such and such person and why do you not appoint me?" The Prophet said: "After me you will see others given preference over you, but you should remain patient till you meet me at the hawd (Al-Kawthar in Jannah)." [Bukhari and Muslim].
- Qasidah Ya Wahibal 'Athaya written by Sheikh Ahmad Jamhuri al Banjari al Makki
- If Rasulullah SAW was the Leader of the Pious, Sayyidatina Khadijah RA showed us how to be the perfect follower and lover of the Pious.
- The trait of Wafa' echoes in her perfectly as well as in the lives of teachers, the Companions, the wives of the Prophet SAW and Sayyidatina Fatima Az-Zahra RA.

Qasidah Yaa wahibal 'athaya - يَا وَاهِبَ الْعَطَايَا

اغْفِرْ لَنَا الْخَطَايَا Ampuni kami segala dosa Forgive us all our sins	يَا وَاهِبَ الْعَطَايَا Wahai pemberi kurnia O Giver of gifts
وَأُمًّا خَدِيجَةَ Dan ibu kami (Sayyidatuna) Khadijah And our mother (the Liege lady) Khadijah	بِأَشْرَفِ الْبَرَائِي Berkat nabi ciptaan termulia By the honour of the Prophet ﷺ the Noblest of Creation
بُشْرَاكِ بِاتِّصَالٍ Beruntunlah dengan hubunganmu Blessed it is in your connection	يَا أُمَّ لِلْبَتُولِ Wahai ibunya al-Batul (Sayyidatuna Fatimah) O mother of al-Batul (the Liege Lady Fatimah)
بُشْرَاكِ بِالْمُتَعَيَّةِ Beruntunlah kamu bersamanya Blessed it is to be in his ﷺ company	بِالْمُصْطَفَى الرَّسُولِ Dengan yang terpilih, utusan Allah With the Chosen One, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ
فَأَنْتَ فِي الْأَمَانِ Engkau dalam keamanan For you are in security	بُشْرَاكِ بِالْأَمِينِ Beruntunlah kamu dengan al-Amin Blessed it is to be with al-Amin ﷺ (The Trustworthy One)
دُنْيَا وَأُخْرَاوِيَّةَ Dunia dan Akhiratnya In this world and the hereafter	تُعْطَى لَكَ الْأَمَانِي Tertunai segala citamu Granted are all your wishes
مِنْ رَبَّنَا الرَّحِيمِ Dari Tuhan yang kasihNya berlimpahan From your Lord who is Most Merciful	قَدْ فُرِّتَ بِالسَّلَامِ Engkau telah peroleh kesejahteraan You have attained a state of well-being
فِي غُرْفَةٍ بَهِيَّةٍ Dalam kamar yang cantik In a beautiful room	وَجَنَّةِ النَّعِيمِ Dan jannah yang penuh kenikmatan And the paradise full of pleasure
مِنْ قَصَبٍ كَرِيمَةٍ Dari sulaman emas yang cemerlang Embroidered in brilliant gold	غُرْفَتُهَا عَظِيمَةٍ Kamarnya agung Such a majestic room
بُشْرَاكِ بِالْعَطِيَّةِ Beruntunlah dengan kurniaan ini Blessed with this gift	دَارَ بِهَا كَرَامَةٍ Mahligai yang mulia A dignified house
حَقًّا بَلَا امْتِرَاءٍ Sungguh benar tanpa ragu dusta Indeed, it is true without a doubt	يَا أَفْضَلَ النِّسَاءِ Wahai wanita termulia O the best of women

وَرَبُّنَا رَضِيَّةٌ Dan Tuhan meredhai And your Lord is pleased	كَمْ لَكَ مِنْ ثَنَاءٍ Betapa banyak puji-pujian How many multitudes of praises
مَا يُخَصِّبُهَا مِدَادِي Tidak tertulis dek tinta Which cannot be written in ink	وَكَمْ لَكَ الْيَادِي Betapa banyak baktimu And how much you have devoted
تَسْخُو بِهَا سَخِيَّةٌ Dengan senang hati engkau berbudi With a willing heart you serve	بَيْضًا بَلَا سَوَادِي Tulus ikhlas tanpa lainnya Purely sincere without any other
وَالنَّاسُ فِي الْكُفُورِ Sedangkan manusia kufur mengingkari While the disbelievers deny	آمَنْتَ بِالْبَشِيرِ Imanmu dengan khabar gembira Your faith in the glad tidings
تَحْطَى بِهِمْ سَنِيَّةٌ Dengan mereka engkau bahagia In their presence, you felt happiness	رُزِقْتَ بِالذَّرَارِي Dikurniakan padamu zuriat Bestowed upon you, offspring
وَأَجْرِلْنِ عَظَاهَا Banyakkanlah kurnia baginya Grant her many blessings	يَا رَبِّ فَارْضَ عَنْهَا Ya Rab! Redhailah beliau O Lord! Be pleased with her
عَلَى النَّبِيِّ وَفِيَّةٌ Atas Nabi yang setia Upon the faithful Prophet ﷺ	وَصَلِّ يَا إِلَهَا Limpahkanlah Solawat, ya Tuhan And send salutations, O God



The Meanings of Wafa'

- In the Quran, the use of وفاء in plural form is عفو (Afw)
- Some of the meanings of Wafa' are:
 1. Faithful, loyal, devotion
 2. To make a promise.
 3. Iman, to believe, to have faith.
 4. ثقة trust
 5. حب love
 6. حفظ protection
 7. كرم generosity
 8. إيثار selflessness/ altruism
 9. شكر gratitude

Essence of Faith

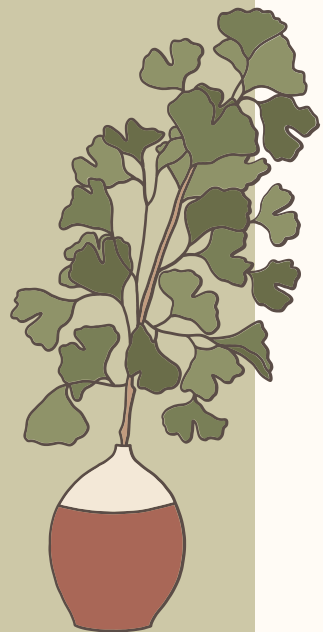
- The essence of our faith is to keep your promise, and to devote yourself in fulfilling that promise. Scholars have said that Wafa' is the essence of our faith and the whole of Quran is about Wafa'
- The 3 types of Wafa':

1. أَوْفُوا بِالْعَهْدِ
2. أَوْفُوا بِالْعُقُودِ
3. أَوْفُوا الْكَيْلَ

وَلَا تَقْرَبُوا مَالَ الْيَتِيمِ إِلَّا بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ حَتَّىٰ يَبْلُغَ أَشُدَّهُ وَأَوْفُوا بِالْعَهْدِ إِنَّ الْعَهْدَ
كَانَ مَسْئُولًا ۝٣٤

Do not come near the wealth of the orphan—unless intending to enhance it—until they attain maturity. Honour 'your' pledges, for you will surely be accountable for them. (Al-Isra 17:34)

- الْعَهْدُ = commitment, contract, covenant



The Walking Quran

وَأَوْفُوا الْكَيْلَ إِذَا كَلَّمْتُمْ وَزِنُوا بِالْقِسْطِ الْمُسْتَقِيمِ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا ﴿٣٥﴾

And give full measure when you measure, and weigh with an even [i.e., honest] balance. That is the best [way] and best in result. (Al-Isra 17:35)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَوْفُوا بِالْعُقُودِ أُحِلَّتْ لَكُمْ بَهِيمَةُ الْأَنْعَامِ إِلَّا مَا يُتْلَى عَلَيْكُمْ غَيْرِ مُحِلِّي الصَّيْدِ وَأَنْتُمْ حُرْمٌ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَحْكُمُ مَا يُرِيدُ ﴿١﴾

O believers! Honour your obligations. All grazing livestock has been made lawful to you—except what is hereby announced to you and hunting while on pilgrimage. Indeed, Allah commands what He wills. (Al-Maidah 5:1)

- Although the whole of Quran is about Wafa', these 3 types of Wafa specifically use the word أَوْفُوا
- It is the trait of the Prophet of Al Quran, SAW because his mannerisms and character is basically, Al-Quran. (He SAW is known as the walking Quran.)

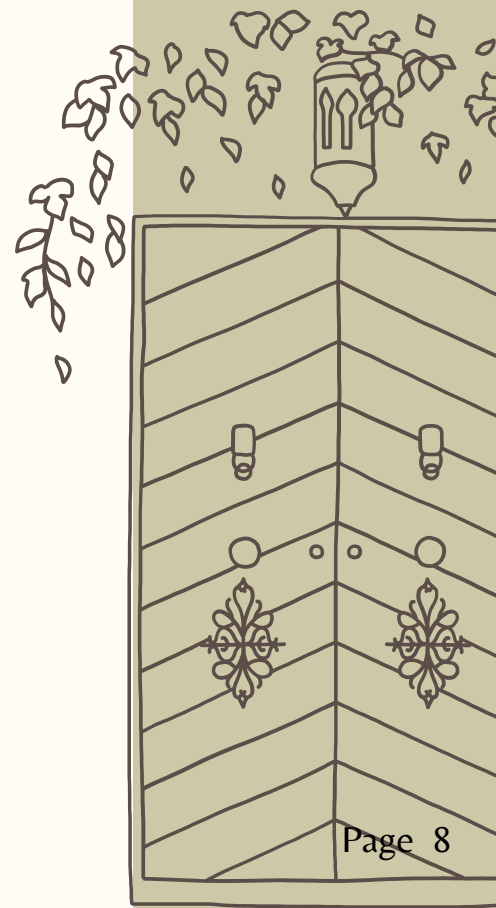
Our First Promise

- The first promise / contract ever being made was by our souls to Allah SWT:

وَإِذْ أَخَذَ رَبُّكَ مِنْ بَنِي آدَمَ مِنْ ظُهُورِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَأَشْهَدَهُمْ عَلَى أَنْفُسِهِمْ أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ
قَالُوا بَلَى شَهِدْنَا أَنْ تَقُولُوا يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ إِنَّا كُنَّا عَنْ هَذَا غَافِلِينَ ﴿١٧٢﴾

And 'remember' when your Lord brought forth from the loins of the children of Adam their descendants and had them testify regarding themselves. 'Allah asked,' "Am I not your Lord?" They replied, "Yes, You are! We testify." 'He cautioned,' "Now you have no right to say on Judgment Day, 'We were not aware of this.'" (Al-A'raf 7:172)

- The three **أَوْفُوا** are branches from this first promise.
- We should always ask ourselves, "How is our character among ourselves?"
- We are so far from emulating Rasulullah SAW in his trait of Wafa'.





The Cause and Effect

- When we were born, we were being veiled by the reasonings of this world and the causal effects of this Universe. When this happened, this was the moment that we broke the First Covenant (our first promise with Allah SWT).
- But Allah SWT reminded us of our First Promise as it is repeated a few times in the Quran.
- When we were souls, the only thing that we did was worship Allah SWT. He was at the core of our existence; we knew nothing else other than worshipping Him. But when we are born into this world, we are in a completely different environment, and hence we forget the promise our souls made.
- The reason Allah SWT made the "Cause & Effect" system is because it is a test of whether we would be devoted to our First Promise or we would become a servant to our lower desires. It is a test to prove our Iman, devotion and our promise made to Him.

Cause: Our Du'as

- The Scholars would say that the System is both a test and a form of worship. They believe that Allah SWT has arranged the System of the world to be in such a way so that we would worship Him and receive rewards.
- In the end, Allah SWT gave us Sustenance. The One who makes us full is Allah SWT. For example, it is not the food that we ate that causes us to be full, but it is Allah SWT.
- In our prayer, we should ask Allah SWT for EVERYTHING because our du'a is part of the causal effect. Making Du'a is part of the cause that we would be receiving something from Allah SWT.
- With this fact in mind, we should solely have faith that Allah SWT will take care of all of our affairs even though we tend to forget to ask from Him.

A test and reward

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- I did not create jinn and humans except to worship Me. (Adh-Dhariyat 51:56)
 - The Dunia is a theme park of worship - we can choose however we want to worship Allah SWT because whatever we do is designed to worship Allah SWT anyway.
 - We need to believe that the causal effect is a test to prove our devotion to the First Promise.
 - Just like the prize that we won in the theme park of Dunia, our prize in the theme park of worship is Jannatul Firdaus In Sha Allah.



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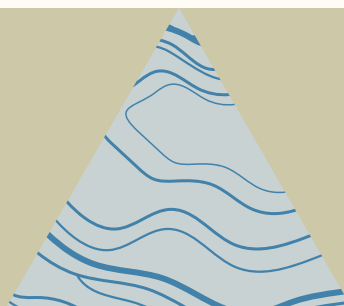


Veiled from Allah SWT

- The Pious are the True believers/ lovers / devotees who believed in Allah SWT in this world.
- This is the Book! There is no doubt about it—a guide for those mindful 'of Allah', who believe in the unseen, establish prayer, and donate from what We have provided for them (Al-Baqarah 2:2-3)
- In the Spiritual Realm, there is no veil between our souls and Allah SWT so when we were asked if Allah SWT is our Lord, everyone agreed.
- There was no need for proof because we witnessed Him. We don't need proofs when we are already witnessing something or someone in front of us. But in this world, we are being veiled because we are in our physical forms.



- Because of the causal effect, and because we broke the First Promise and follow our lower desires in this world, our veils grows thicker and we continue to forget.
- But the True Believers bear witness with their souls and continue to believe in Him in this world although they are not witnessing Him anymore.
- In our religion, it's important that we fight against our nafs-ul-ammarah (the Nafs that rule over the Self) to move towards nafs-ul-lawwamah (the Nafs that regrets itself) to finally achieving nafs-ul-mutmainnah / Radhiyah (The Nafs that is bright and clear and at peace with the remembrance of Allah SWT with no veils).
- When the nafs is tamed, it is easier for our souls to be guided and for it to fulfil our promise to Allah even in this world.



Going back to the Promise

- The best people who has manifested this is the Ummah of Rasulullah, the Ummah of the First Promise because our Shahada precedes all actions. It is the key towards the acceptance of any deeds.
- We are the Ummah that says, “Ash hadu” (I bear witness), when in reality we do not bear witness.
- We are taught to say ‘Ash hadu’ to remind us to change from knowing that there is no god except Allah SWT to WITNESSING that there is no god except Allah SWT.
- To remind us to steer our life back to the First Promise and to remind us to stay faithful, to stay devoted, to have trust and to prove our love.
- Every single time we say the Shahada in our Solah, it is basically a constant reminder for us to go back to the First Promise.



Transformation

- Knowledge is considered as beneficial only if we 1) acted upon it and 2) if we are sincere in those actions.
- It is basically sincerely and truthfully just to fulfil that Promise and nothing else.
- We are all travellers. When we interact with people around us with our good character; interact with Allah SWT with hard work; try our best in our complete devotion to obey Him and His Commands; and continue to purify our lower selves, all of them will be rewarded.
- Knowledge will be transformed into Al-Ma'rifah (Comprehension). It will then be changed to Light - when we receive this Light, our veil will be lifted and we will move towards the state of witnessing Allah SWT.



Witnessing Allah SWT

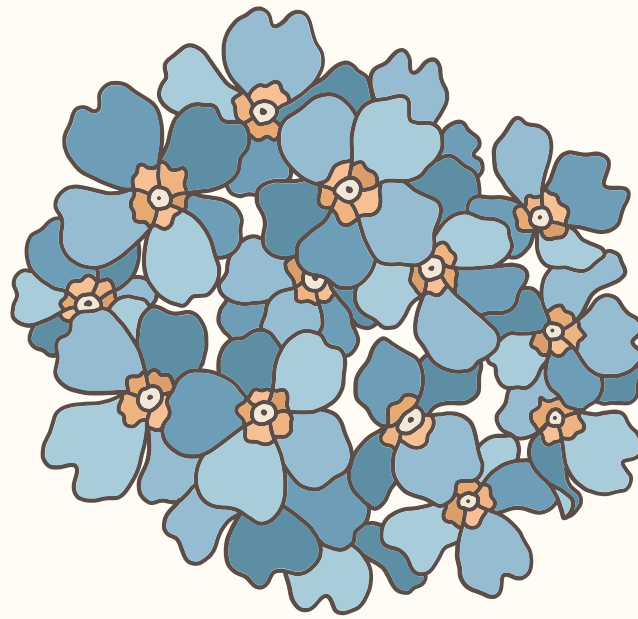


- Al-Marifah is Allah SWT giving us the reality of these knowledge. The more we perform all of our devotions taught by Rasulullah SAW, the more we are accumulating the Light of Rasulullah SAW.
- When the Light of Rasulullah become enough in ourselves, we start to witness Allah SWT through the heart of Rasulullah SAW.
- There is no God except Allah SWT. The only power belongs to Allah SWT. There is only one action - the Action of Allah SWT.
- The manifestation of Wafa' is Taqwa. In another definition, it is to reenact the First Promise made by devoting ourselves to fulfilling it in this world.



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She believed in him SAW

- Sayyidatina Khadijah RA is the translation of all that we have talked about so far.

آمَنْتِ بِالْبَشِيرِ

Imanmu dengan khabar gembira

Your faith in the glad tidings

- We believe in the one who is the source of glad tidings, which is Rasulullah SAW
- When everyone denied Rasulullah SAW, she RA was the only one who believed in him SAW.
- Whenever the Scholars mentioned the virtues of Sayyidatina Khadijah RA, they would highlight this fact - that she was the first to believe in him SAW.
- When she RA recognised Allah SWT through the beautiful character of Rasulullah SAW, she RA proposed to him SAW. She served him SAW and spent on him SAW.



Always ahead in everything

- When she saw how Rasulullah SAW loved Sayyidatina Halima RA like his own mother, Sayyidatina Khadijah RA gave her 40 sheep and a camel. This was her habit to all who have helped the Prophet SAW when he was young.
- In the later part of his life SAW, he would also spend on the people who are connected to Sayyidatina Khadijah RA.
- 6 months before revelation, Allah SWT placed the love of seclusion in the Prophet SAW's heart and he would spend days and weeks in the Cave of Hira. Sayyidina Khadijah RA would climb the mountain to bring food to him just so that he SAW can focus in his worship. No one set the expectation for her to do this.
- Khadijah means 'premature'. The symbolic meaning behind her name means she was always the first and ahead of everyone in everything, just like how she RA was the first to believe in Rasulullah SAW. #goosebumps

Guarding people's feelings

- She RA was firm when the Prophet SAW first received the revelation. She believed in his goodness and trust that Allah SWT will not forsake him.
- He ran all the way back down the mountain to Sayyidina Khadijah RA. We should never underestimate the significance of Rasulullah SAW going to his wife first.
- He knew that no one can reassure him SAW or be supportive of him, or comfort him the way that Sayyidatina Khadijah RA comforted him SAW.
- She RA did not ask Rasulullah SAW what happened. She just comforted and embraced him SAW, and waited for him SAW to talk about what happened to him SAW.

*When
someone
approach you
with their
problems,
listen and
wait for them
to speak first.*



Her Assurance

- When Rasulullah SAW started narrating, he SAW was worried for himself. He said, “The one that I saw in my sleep came to me”. He was trying to find assurance and she RA comforted him SAW saying, “No way. These are glad tidings. I swear that Allah SWT will never disgrace you.”
- She gave what the Prophet SAW needed to receive - words of assurance - in the case of a traumatic experience.
- No one knows him SAW like her. The qualities of the Prophet SAW that she mentioned in that perfect speech would later be mentioned in Surah al-Baqarah, describing the qualities of the pious.

Quran

❁ لَيْسَ الْبِرَّ أَنْ تُوَلُّوا وُجُوهَكُمْ قِبَلَ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ وَلَكِنَّ الْبِرَّ مَنْ ءَامَنَ بِاللّٰهِ وَالْيَوْمِ
الْآخِرِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالْكِتَابِ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ وَءَاتَى الْمَالَ عَلَى حُبِّهِ ذَوِي الْقُرْبَى
وَالْيَتَامَى وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَأَبْنَى السَّبِيلِ وَالسَّائِلِينَ وَفِي الرِّقَابِ وَأَقَامَ الصَّلَاةَ وَءَاتَى
الزَّكَاةَ وَالْمُوفُونَ بِعَهْدِهِمْ إِذَا عَاهَدُوا وَالصَّابِرِينَ فِي الْبَأْسَاءِ وَالضَّرَّاءِ وَحِينَ
الْبَأْسِ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ ﴿١٧٧﴾

Righteousness is not in turning your faces towards the east or the west. Rather, the righteous are those who believe in Allah, the Last Day, the angels, the Books, and the prophets; who give charity out of their cherished wealth to relatives, orphans, the poor, 'needy' travellers, beggars, and for freeing captives; who establish prayer, pay alms-tax, and keep the pledges they make; and who are patient in times of suffering, adversity, and in 'the heat of' battle. It is they who are true 'in faith', and it is they who are mindful 'of Allah'. (Al-Baqarah 2:177)

The Wife With Castle of Pearls

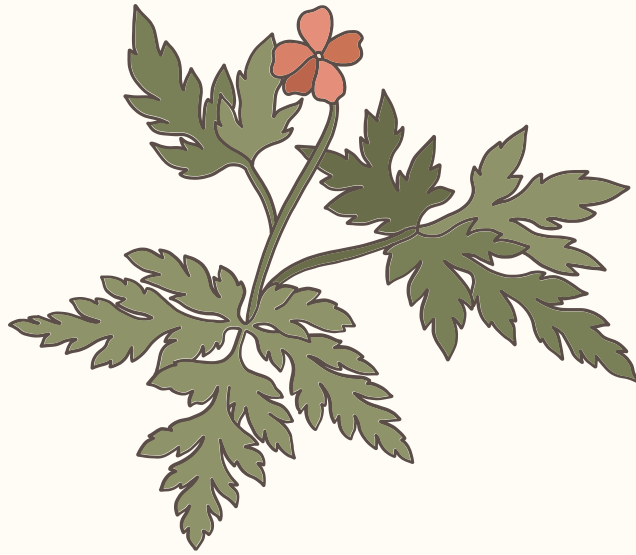
- This is how we know that Sayyidatina Khadijah RA is a soul that has been guided by Allah SWT, a soul that has witnessed Allah SWT.
- “Because you are sure of yourself, I’m sure of you”
- She was a wife that never ever tire Rasulullah SAW and never raised her voice to him SAW. She was informed that she would be bestowed with castles made of pearls, because of this.
- Her energy and her health was all in devotion or in worship to Allah SWT, through her servitude to Rasulullah SAW.
- When she RA passed away, the Companions distanced themselves from Rasulullah SAW fearing that he SAW would pass from the pain of losing Sayyidina Khadijah RA.



Irreplaceable

- These qualities of Rasulullah SAW mentioned by Sayyidatina Khadijah RA was the Wafa' of Rasulullah SAW to Allah SWT: "I assure you that Allah will never embarrass you; for you protect your kin, assume responsibility for those who cannot do so for themselves, give charity to the needy, do greater good than anyone else, treat your guests with honour and respect and assist those striving to do good. I will believe you and be the first to do so, even if nobody else does. Let me be the first you invite onto the path you call!" extracted from "The Prophet Muhammad Musthafa the Elect (s.a.w.)" by Shaykh 'Utsman Nuri Tufbas.
- When Sayyidatina Aisha RA 'pushed her luck', his face changed in a way that it would when revelation came down. His hair SAW stood because he was angry and he proceeded to say, "He did not replace her with someone better".

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His Testimonial of her



- 'Your Faith in the Glad Tidings, While the Disbelievers Deny': These are the first traits that Rasulullah SAW mentioned about Sayyidinatina Khadijah RA.
- She RA considered him truthful when everyone denied him SAW. She spent her money on him when everyone held back.
- Allah SWT gave him children through her RA. Allah had not given him better (than Sayyidinat Khadijah RA)
- This is a testimonial from Rasulullah SAW of her RA. She was the source of Rasulullah SAW's assurance throughout her life.
- Allah SWT designed the story this way so that all these words would come out of Rasulullah SAW so that he will bear witness of the devotion of Khadijah this world before the Hereafter.

A Soft Heart

- When Rasulullah SAW went back to Makkah after Hijra, those who chased Rasulullah SAW out were offering their houses to him SAW.
- He SAW asked them to build a tent for him in Hujun (where Sayyidatina Khadijah RA is buried) because there is no one equivalent to Sayyidatina Khadijah RA.
- She manifested how to treat the Prophet SAW perfectly up to a point that he felt blessed with her love RA. Her love was a gift to him SAW.
- Every part of her life RA is her fulfilling her Promise to Allah SWT, her proof of her love to Allah SWT. Her heart is the true reality of having a soft heart.
- A heart is only soft when it has been embraced by love for Allah SWT. We will feel warm by people with soft hearts <3





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Breaking us to build us



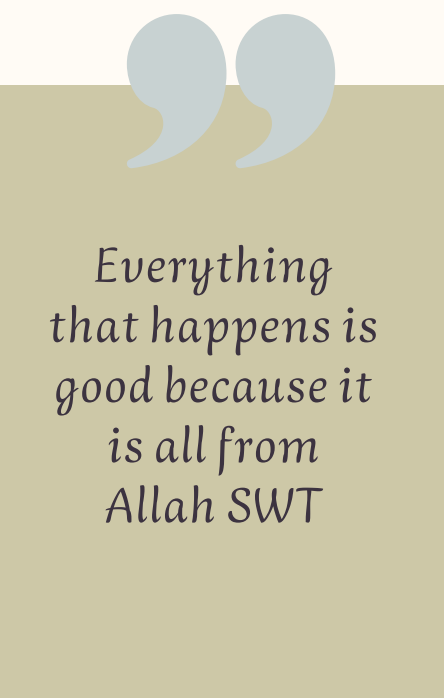
*This week,
spend some
time to
understand &
internalise
the Shahada.*

- Everything we do in this life is for us to remember our first promise to Allah SWT. Every day we say the Shahadah, but is it all the lip service? How much of it penetrate our hearts? Do we understand the gravity of the Shahada?
- Every single relationship is struggling with trust issues. Everyone has problems trusting with each other because our relationships are not based on al-wafa' to Allah SWT.
- Allah SWT will send people to break us so that we will lose trust in the people around us so that we will remember the First Promise. Breakups are Bushra.



Staying in Wafa'

- The people that we meet in our lives are sent to us by Allah SWT to relay to us a message. Most importantly, to remind us of the First Promise. We have met them once when we were in the state of souls.
- When we stay in Wafa' through departing/leaving on good terms with people we fell out with, that is considered worship.
- If things ended on a bad note by the other party, it shouldn't be the same on our side. At the very least, our proof of devotion to Allah SWT is that we should not hold any thing in our hearts.



*Everything
that happens is
good because it
is all from
Allah SWT*



This whole universe is
designed for us to
worship Allah SWT,
because it is through
worshiping Allah that
we remember our
First Promise to Him.